



# Research in Scania

## Class Handout: Intermediate

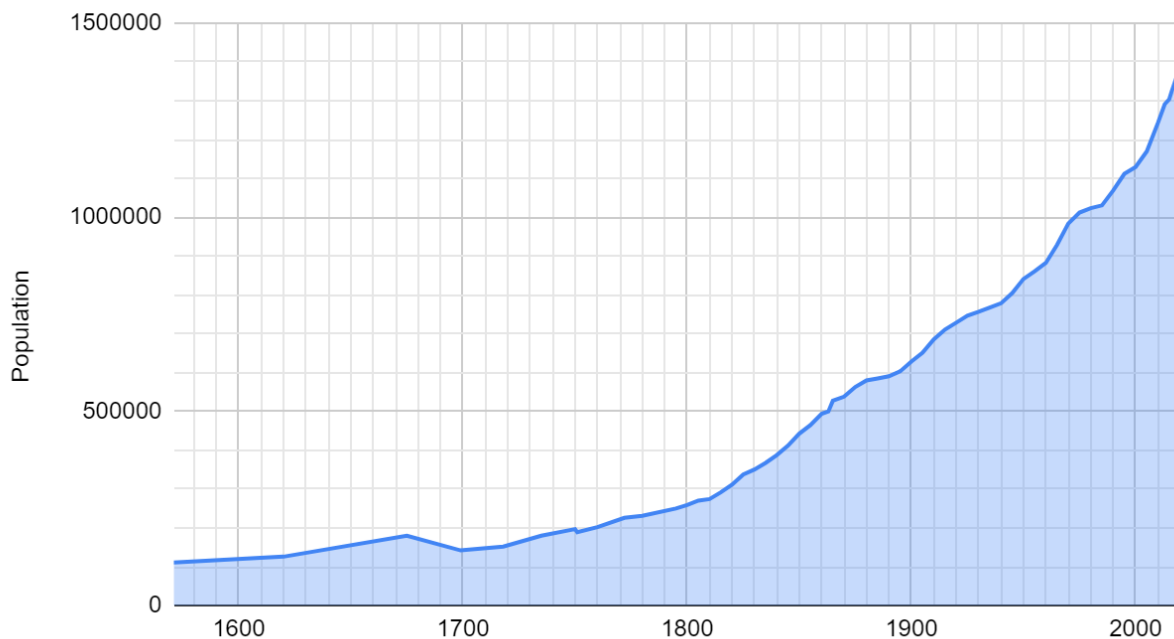
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### Geography

Scania has some of the best farmland in Scandinavia. It is mostly farmland, but a forest runs through the middle and formed a natural border for the two counties: Malmöhus and Kristianstad. Scania is connected to Sweden by land, but a thick impenetrable forest forms a natural boundary between the two. During the middle ages up until 1400, large schools of herring swam through the Sound as they passed from the Baltic to the Atlantic. The fish were said to be so numerous that they could be scooped with the hands or stabbed with a knife. They were so numerous that it is estimated 1/3 of h

### Demography

#### Population of Scania Timeline



## History

- 960: Scania may have originally been its own petty kingdom, but became part of Denmark when Harold Bluetooth unified the country.
- 990: Lund is chartered
- 1060: Lund and Dalby become dioceses
- 1067-1085: Dalby diocese is merged into Lund
- 1085: Helsingborg is chartered
- 1104: Lund becomes the archdiocese
- 1180-1182: Scanian nobles and peasants rebelled against the crown and church
- 1200: Falsterbro, Ystad, and Skanör are chartered
- 1202-1216: The Law of Scania is written
- 1215: Ordeal by Iron is abolished
- 1225: A castle is built at Skanör
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- 1332: Scania was under control of Count Johan
- 1332: Scania is purchased by Magnus Eriksson
- 1343: First mention of Lillö estate
- July-December 1350: The Black Death is in Scania
- 1360: Valdemar IV regains control of Scania
- 1413: Landskrona is chartered
- 1431: The Sound could be crossed by horse
- 1550-1651: 1200 villages in Scania out of 8000 in all of Denmark
- 1612: Gustavus Adolphus destroys 24 parishes including Väst
- 1614: Kristianstad is chartered, Väst, Åhus, and Sölvesborg lose their city rights
- 1628: Bad harvests in Scania
- 1630: Bad harvests in Scania
- 30 May 1645: The Danish Church Law
- 1651: A tithing list for Scania was created
- 8 March 1658: Denmark loses Scania (including Bornholm to Sweden in the Treaty of Roskilde)
- 1658: The mandtals tax lists begin in Scania
- 1675-1679: The Scania War
- 1683: Swedish law, language, and customs are imposed on Scania
- 1686: The Swedish Church Law
- 1706: Measles Epidemic
- 1708-1709: Crop failures and a smallpox epidemic
- October 1709-March 1710: Denmark's last attempt to take Scania
- 1710: Typhus outbreak
- 1710-1714: Plague outbreak
- 1719: Scania is officially incorporated into Sweden. It is split into two counties: Malmöhus and Kristianstad
- 1734: The Swedish Probate Law
- 1754: Falsterbro and Skanör are merged
- 1767: Ängelholm is given city privileges
- 1803: The General Enclosure Act of Scania
- 1807: Enclosure in the rest of the country
- 15 June 1811: 30 killed, 60 wounded, and 395 arrested at the Klågerup riots

## **Records**

On the one hand, Scania has tax lists later than other parts of the country as it was not part of Sweden originally and only joined in 1658. On the other hand, some parishes have records even before the Swedish Church Law of 1686. None of the records prior to 1686 have household examination rolls as these were not done in Sweden.

- Some parishes have records as early as 1645
- A tithing list is available from 1651
- Many parishes begin in 1686
- Mandtalslängder begin in 1719
- Probates begin in 1734

# Demographic Database for Southern Sweden

Activity: Intermediate

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3. When did her parents marry?
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Answer Key: Intermediate

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Salomon Nielsson and Karna Persdotter

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Niels born 1722, Elna born 1724, Per born 1725, Anders born 1729, Elna born 1732

3. When did her parents marry?

21 January 1722

4. Her father had been married before. What was the name of his first wife?

Elna Persdotter

5. What strategies would you try to extend Elna's ancestry further?

Mandtalslängder, probate records, etc. Checking church records for Salomon and Elna's marriage and children, etc. Many answers are acceptable here.